Roxbury Camp June 26th 1775

Dr

I just have remembrance of my engagement to you as well as to Numbers of others which I cannot fulfill We came into Roxbury on Sunday about Ten o'Clock they have been firing upon Roxbury a great part of Roxbury Saturday killed one Man June 24th have been firing upon Roxbury Saturday afternoon and killed Two Men with small arms which through presumption attempted to set on fire their Guard House supposing that they had quitted their house but they ran in great numbers from behind the House fired upon them both of which taken one of them was run through with Bayonets and carried off in that manner none other knew they made some Skirmishes fly and some but small matter of Dust with their Guns though our people fear them not hastening one marched up and pulled out the fuse carried the Gun to Head Quarters the Chief of the Ball would be taken up before they had done ringing The Inhabitance have done carrying out of Boston almost the number of those Slain in the Battle between Putnam and the Gagites is uncertain By Letters from Gentlemen in Boston Gage has his Army Eleven hundred worse than before the Engagement Returns By the Doctors Account sick and well Lose 1800 Men some number of those

Provincials that were taken. Our forces have sent out often
by way of the Guards both ways. The contents of any Letters
Received further than that they are very well treated. Nursery might
have a little of a number of Men sent there, but not
on fire there. Gen. Howe Expects Reinforcements but were
prevented some from ever Exchanges on both sides but Cannot
learn as any were sent on either side.

The Soldiers Live in Boston as many as can, most all
But are not so Healthy as Inhabitants of which number
we are. I dont learn any thing worth mentioning
Our Fort upon the Hill near the meeting House is
Contains about 1 & ½ acre of Land we have another
Battery upon the Rocks next that comes out of
Boston, have also two more upon the neck, one
of them against the Marrying Ground

I am Your Obedt Servt
Ezekl Dyer

N B Capt Elys & Clps
Companies came in on Sunday

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To
Nathan Hale
New London in Connecticut